

Distracted Driving Fact Sheet

Delaware has a restricted cell phone use law which went into effect on January 2, 2011. Under the law, drivers may not talk without using a hands-free device, may not read, write or send text messages, and may not email or use the Internet while operating a motor vehicle.

Get the facts:

- Cell phone related crashes trend young in Delaware. 54% of these crashes are caused by a person under the age of 30.
- Of people under 30, males account for 60% of crashes and females 40%.
- Of those aged 19 and under, 56% of those responsible were male and 44% were female.
- 61% of cell phone related crashes have occurred in New Castle County. 23% have occurred in Sussex County, and 15% have occurred in Kent County.
- Friday trends much higher than other days for cell phone related crashes with the next highest days being Wednesday and Thursday.
- Cell phone crash rates increase around lunch time, as well as between 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. when bars close.

**The average fine
for using a
mobile device
while driving is
\$106.**



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